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## EDITORIAL

### PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

The Citizen has been most optimistic on the subject of Cimarron's development and has insisted that Cimarron has a great future in store for it, ever since it came out in its first edition. Since the baby paper was first started, at least two big happenings have taken place that makes it even more optimistic than ever. Some one has said:

"Between an Optimist and a Pessimist,  
 The difference is small.  
 The Optimist sees the doughnut,  
 The Pessimist the hole."

The Citizen has been seeing the doughnut right along and it expects to keep it right in sight, and some time to get a good bite out of it. In the first place, large tracts of land have been opened up for the settlement of farmers. All these tracts, while not right around Cimarron, are in the Cimarron Valley and near enough to be of great value to Cimarron, because with the settlement of the lands by farmers, the immediate country will be developed, trade will be increased, and eventually lands right adjoining Cimarron will be opened up. It is bound to be so. Land will be of such great value that the owners can not afford to hold on to it longer. A large portion of the land already opened up, is as near Cimarron as it is to any other city, and there is no reason why Cimarron merchants can not get the trade of the settlers, if they will make the effort. Already hundreds of middle west farmers are purchasing Cimarron Valley lands, and hundreds more will do so before the summer is over. It has been the rule, that immediately after a panic or financial set back throughout the country, the tide of homeseekers into the west and southwest has been increased greatly.

This is due to the fact that the middle west farmer, whether he be owner or renter, is operating largely on borrowed capital. In times of stress, loans are called in, and he is unable to raise the cash necessary to continue his business. If he is a renter, he sells what little he has and comes west. If he is an owner, his lands are foreclosed upon, and he also comes west where he can get a fresh start. This state of affairs has been in existence time and again, and the same is true at the present time to a certain extent. The middle west farmer is coming southwest. He is coming to the Cimarron Valley, and he is coming to Cimarron. For every farmer that comes into the country, three other men come to supply him with what he needs and to take advantage of the development the farmer brings about, and to develop the country themselves along other lines than those pertaining to the cultivation of the soil.

The change in the method of obtaining mineral lands within the Maxwell Land Grant, will also be a most potent factor in the rapid development of Cimarron. Those having claims at the present time will not be injured nor have their rights changed in the least. One prospector was heard to argue that inasmuch as the rules made it necessary to pay a sum of money down at first, the poor prospector was out of it and the "grab-stake" was a thing of the past. He argued that very few men in the business could get together the three or four hundred necessary "buy script," and that the mining business within the Grant was therefore a thing of the past. But he forgot that under the script system a man could do his prospecting at one place, and if it turned out worthless, he could then try another place and then another, until he found something, and as soon as he struck it rich, he could then file as is required by the new rules under the rights set forth in his script. He forgot that title to the land can be obtained within ninety days by merely buying the script. He forgot that title is what moneyed men want, and that the trouble and uncertainty in obtaining title under the old rules, heretofore experienced, has kept many capitalists from opening and developing mines of gold, silver and

copper around Cimarron.

The Citizen believes that it will be just as easy for the poor man to interest money in any proposition he may have, under the new regulations, as it was under the old. That a man can obtain a grub stake just as quick and that the capitalist will be many times more apt to put his money in to the country now than formerly. We have the minerals, and this new method of obtaining title to the land will of a certainty, start active operations in the Cimarronito and the Cimarron districts at once. A large company of Michigan men own some rich claims in the Cimarronito. Other big concerns are interested elsewhere in this rich district, but have been delaying development work because they were not able to get as much land around their claims as they desired, without long delay and tedious trouble. Now that the railroad is within reach, the development of these mines and the opening of others, will make a smelter near at hand an imperative necessity. That place will be Cimarron. The Citizen still sees the doughnut and not without great reason.

### THOSE TREES AGAIN.

The Citizen has been harping about the planting of trees ever since it sent out its first issue, and it expects to continue to harp on that subject until something is done by the people of Cimarron. Some of the more enterprising citizens had already ordered trees before the Citizen made its offer to the people of Cimarron, and a few more have left their orders with the Citizen for a few native trees, but the office boy has not been overworked in handling applications by any means. The following item taken from the Tucumcari News shows what others around the territory think of the tree proposition:

#### Planting Millions of Trees.

"The Pecos river is being exploited to furnish young trees for planting on the treeless plains, which are rapidly turned into farms east of there. The river valley is thickly grown with cottonwoods and millions of the young trees are being pulled up and shipped to the little towns for sale to the farmers. One home seeker, E. A. Gray, of Melros, obtained 20,000 of the saplings. The United States government has reserved many thousands of acres of this treeless land for a forest reserve but lately this land has been thrown open to entry. Not less than a million fruit trees will be planted in Roosevelt and Quay counties this year."

Can't we get together and plant a million more or less trees? If every man, woman and child in Cimarron will only plant but one tree, we would have seven or eight hundred planted, and in a year or so, the streets would begin to look different. Let us try the experiment!

President Roosevelt, in his message to the American School Children, says in part:

"A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless. Forests which are so used that they cannot renew themselves will soon vanish, and with them all their benefits. A true forest is not merely a store house full of wood but, as it were, a factory of wood and at the same time a reservoir of water. When you help to preserve our forests or plant new ones you are acting the part of good citizens. The value of forestry deserves, therefore, to be taught in the schools, which aim to make good citizens of you. If your Arbor Day exercises help you to realize what benefits each one of you receive from the forests, and how by your assistance these benefits may continue, they will serve a good end."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.  
 The White House.

### NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

A bill creating a seventh judicial district out of the counties of Grant, Luna and Socorro counties has been introduced in congress by Delegate Andrews and has been recommended by the Department of Justice. It will probably pass. The

creation of the new district will mean the appointment of another Justice in New Mexico Supreme court and another set of court officials including court clerk, court stenographer and court interpreter and will greatly relieve the overburdened department of justice in the territory.

### CHURCH ITEMS.

The regular services of the Methodist Episcopal church took place last Sunday. In the morning the Rev. J. Alfred Morgan gave an eloquent address on the subject of "Temptation." The text of the evening service was "A Young Man at Court."

It is to be regretted that during the evening services, a few rowdies attempted to disturb and break up the meeting by making various noises during the services. These young men evidently thought, they were doing something creditable and continued to raise a rough house even after being requested by the pastor to cease or leave the church. The names of the young men are as follows: Harry Specklemier, James Moodyman, Walde Troutman, Stewart Coulter, and William Scherrer. These same boys have acted in the same manner before, and the time has arrived when this sort of thing must be stopped. The Citizen is in favor of prosecuting the boys to the full extent of the law, but Rev. Morgan says that he will give them one more chance, and that if the disturbance takes place again, the matter will be laid before the District Attorney with instructions to proceed against the boys. It is strange that boys cannot stay away from a place of worship if they can't attend in the proper spirit.

### DIAMONDS IN CALIFORNIA

Oroville, Cal., March 30.—The discovery of three diamonds is reported at Cherokee, near here on property being prospected by a diamond mining company. Two diamonds, it is said, were washed out yesterday. On another claim in Oroville, itself, an Indian panned out another diamond.

### COWBOYS SHOOT UP TOWN

Huerfano, Colo., March 30.—Enraged by the actions of a number of Mexicans whom they accused of cheating in a card game, a squad of cowboys totally wrecked the saloon in which the game was in progress, ran the Mexicans to shelter and took a parting shot at every one in sight as they rode out of town shortly after 6 o'clock last night. The sheriff is after the men with a posse.

During the afternoon a number of cowboys rode into town and became engaged in a card game in a saloon with a number of Mexicans. The game had not progressed far when one of the cowboys declared that the Mexicans were cheating them out of their money. This the Mexicans resented and as the cowboys took the part of their companion the differences soon developed into a fight.

The cowboys drew their revolvers and began shooting and the Mexicans beat a hasty retreat to places of safety, while the angered rangers took their time in demolishing the place, riddling the mirrors and walls with bullets.

### ANOTHER REVOLUTION

Port Au Prince, March 30.—A fresh conspiracy against the government has been discovered in this city. The leader of the plot, General Larraque, former chief of cavalry, who was arrested on March 14, on suspicion of conspiring against the president, and who was released with four others on March 24, took refuge yesterday afternoon in the French legation with two other officers.

The police have been scouring the city all day and have set a careful watch on all the legations in order to intercept other conspirators. The palace guards have been redoubled with 2,000 rifles and a large quantity of ammunition purchased from Germany, were landed today and taken to the palace.

### KANSAS CITY BANK OPENS

Kansas City, March 30.—The reorganized National Bank of Commerce with William B. Ridgeley, former comptroller of the currency, as its president, reopened this morning. Faith in this, one of the largest banking institutions in the country, was evidenced by the fact that long before the receiving tellers' windows were opened persons stood in line waiting an opportunity to deposit their money.

President Ridgeley, Edward Ridgeley, cashier, and George T. Cutts, the newly elected vice president, together with the other officials, were on hand early and were the recipients of many congratulations.

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